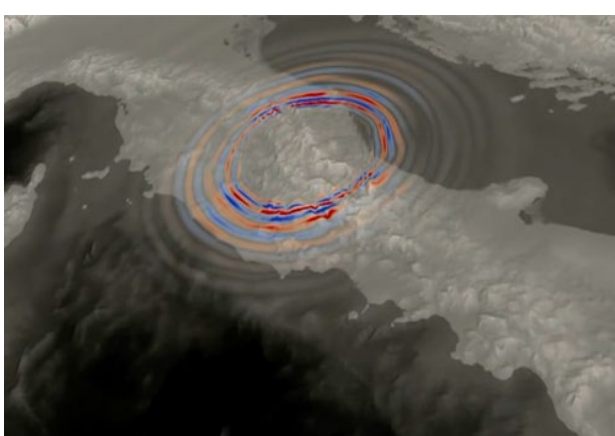




Deterministic 3D Ground Motion Simulations of the Central Italy Earthquakes

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REGIONAL-SCALE EARTHQUAKE GROUND MOTION PREDICTIONS
THROUGH PHYSICS-BASED AND EMPIRICAL APPROACHES:
A CASE STUDY CENTRAL ITALY



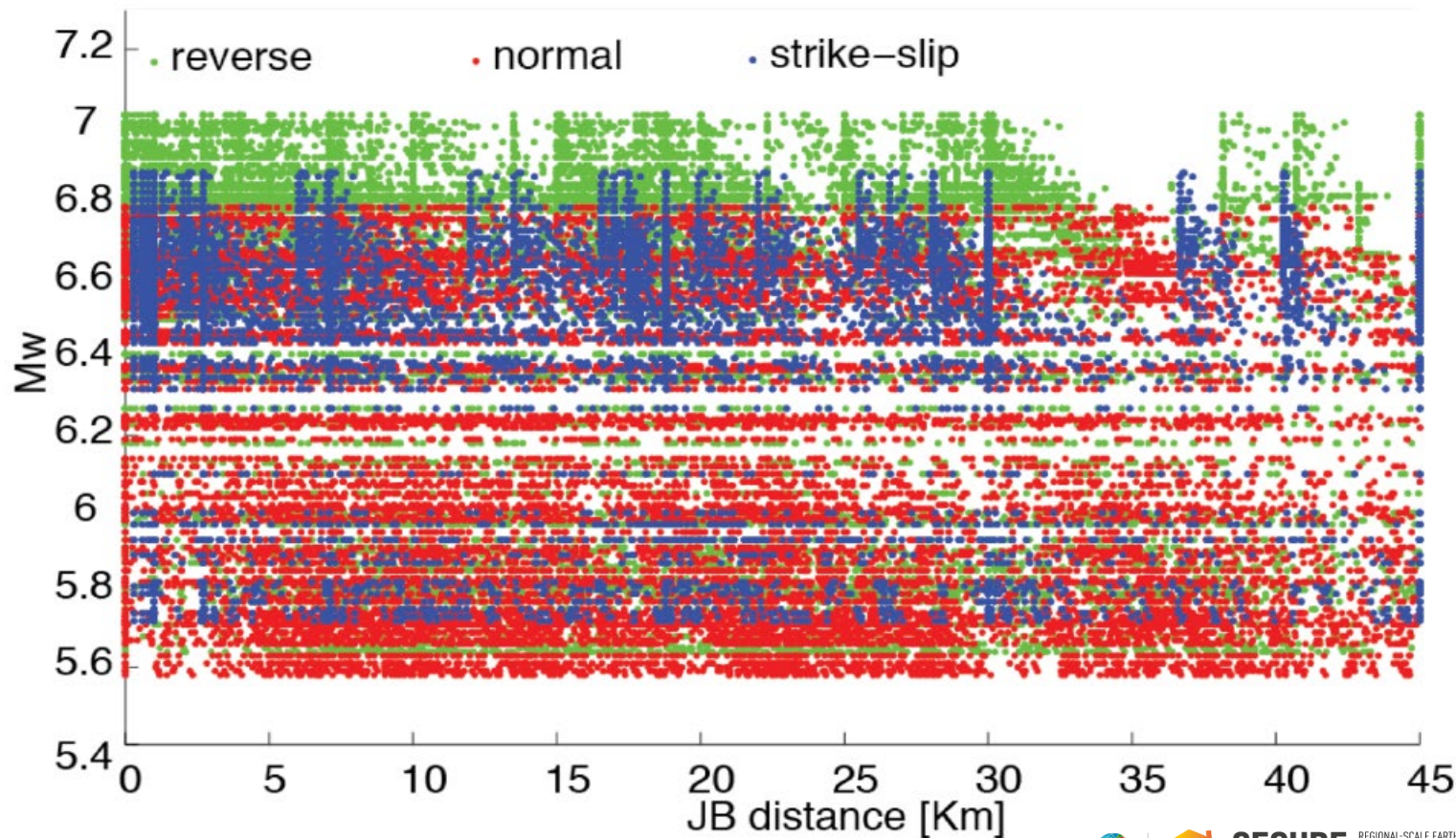
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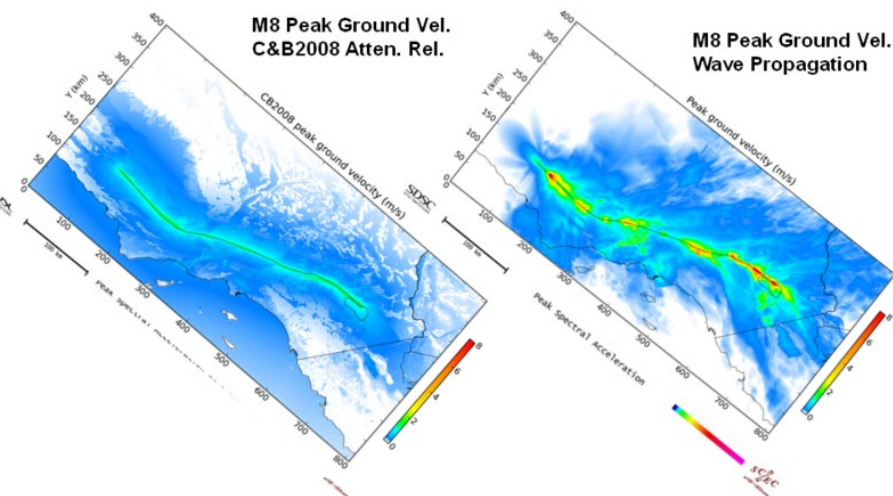
Motivation1:

Can we develop a database of synthetic earthquakes to fill the gaps of lack of data?



Motivation2:

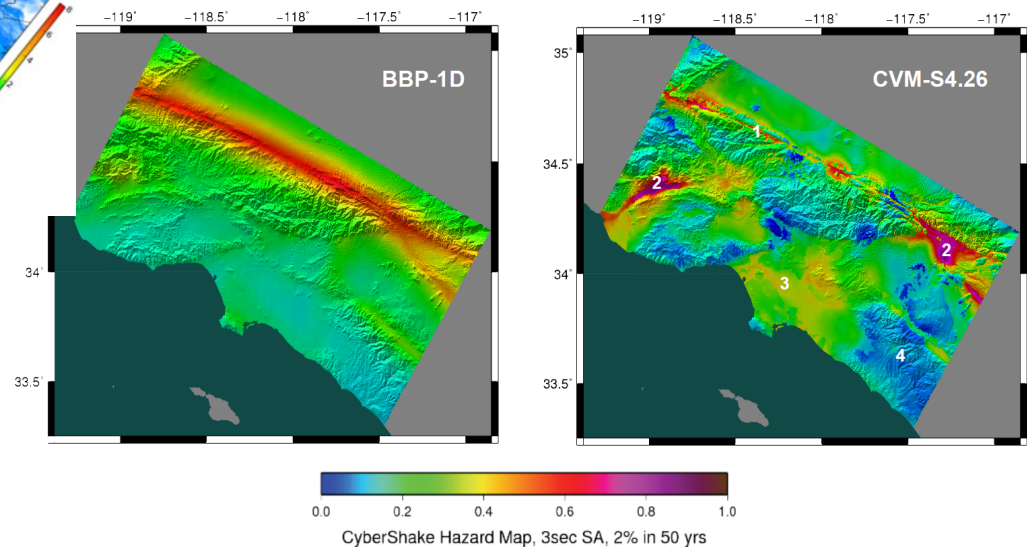
M8 Simulation Compared to Empirical Attenuation Relation



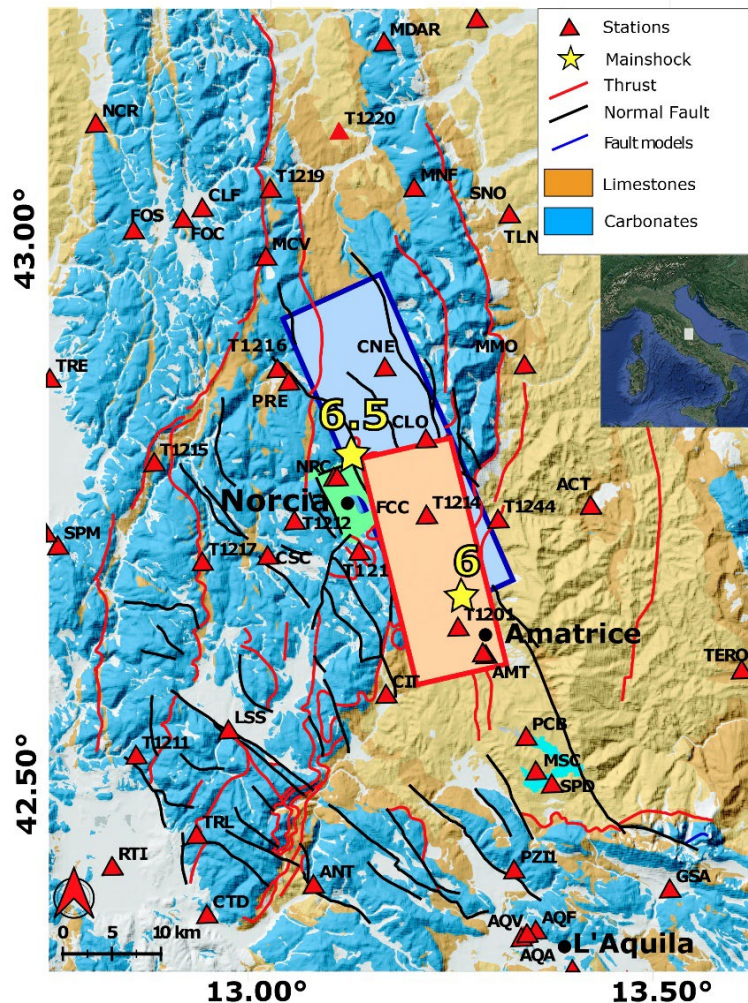
GMPEs do not capture certain well-known factors influencing ground motion characteristics, especially those associated with fault rupture processes, **complex source-site** propagation of seismic waves, and sedimentary **basin** response, particularly in the **near-fault** region.

Physics-Based Simulations for Seismic Hazard Analysis (CyberShake Project)

Comparison of 1D and 3D CyberShake Models for the Los Angeles Region



1. lower near-fault intensities due to 3D scattering
2. much higher intensities in near-fault basins
3. higher intensities in the Los Angeles basins
4. lower intensities in hard-rock areas



Motivation3:

- The central Italy sequence started with the **M_w6.2 Amatrice earthquake** on August 24, 2016.
- The **Norcia earthquake**, occurred two months later, was the largest event **M_w6.5** in the sequence.
- Recently, a magnitude **Mw6.3 L'Aquila** earthquake struck the region in 2009, located 50 kilometers south of the Amatrice earthquake.
- The 2016 Norcia earthquake was one of the **best-recorded** earthquakes in Italy.

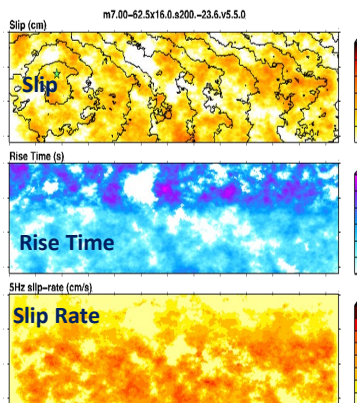
Objectives:

- Investigate **ground motion characteristics** through the synthetic waveforms using fully deterministic approach in 3D up to higher frequencies in the Central Apennines.
- Test an end-to-end **modeling capability** for strong ground motion simulations using registered and empirical data.
- Design a powerful to compute strong ground motions up to higher frequencies which can be used in **seismic hazard estimation and for engineering applications**.

Physics-Based Ground Motion Simulation Method

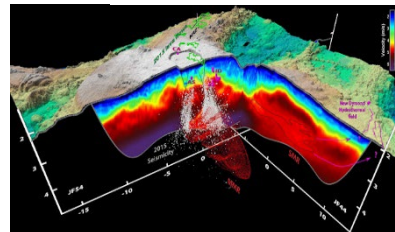
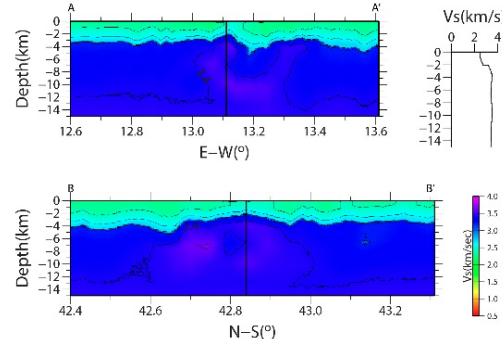
Deterministic Approach

Kinematic Rupture Model



Wave Propagation

3D Linear anelastic,



GP Method

Kinematic rupture models generated using a technique developed by Graves & Pitarka, (2016).

It incorporates small stochastic rupture variability, and deterministic large slip areas and depth dependent rupture velocity and slip rate.

Un modello di velocità locale 3D ben vincolato che incorpora un dettagliato modello tomografico della crosta (Chiarabba et al., 2018).

SW4 Code

A time domain 4th order finite difference code developed at LLNL (Peterson & Sjogreen, 2018).

It uses near surface curvilinear mesh design to model surface topography with high numerical accuracy.

Computational Requirements



Simulations are performed using a physics based deterministic approach, modeling the earthquake rupture and elastic wave propagation and running the parallelized CPU version of the SW4 code

LLNL QUARTZ Supercomputer

NORCIA M6.5 EARTHQUAKE

Model Dim. covers : 102kmx88kmx31km

Min grid spacing : 25 m (grid point 3×10^9)

Min Vs : 600m/s

F_{max} : 5Hz

Ground motion duration : 40 s

With topography

CPU's : 10800, Wall time : 21 hrs (largest run-topo)

Without topography

CPU's : 3600, Wall time : 4.5 hrs (run with no topo)

Physics Based Earthquake Rupture Models Produced with the GP Method

Earthquake M_0 , Faulting Type, Fault Length and Width

Slip Distribution

Spatially random slip distribution Von Karman Power Spectrum
 -deterministic for low-wavenumbers
 -stochastic for high-wavenumber squared fall-off
 -magnitude dependent correlation lengths

Rupture Speed V_r

-depth dependent specified to average 75%–80% V_s

Rupture time

-scaled with cubic root of magnitude (Graves and Pitarka, 2016)
 -local random perturbations that follow normal distribution and partially correlated with the underlying slip distribution

Slip Rate Function

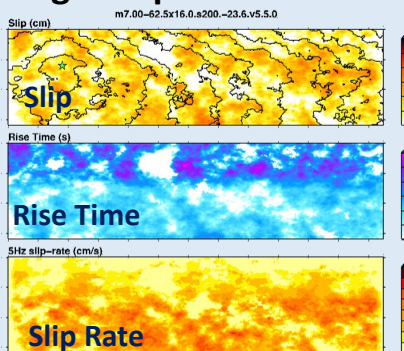
-depth dependent slip rate function shape
 -bell-shaped at shallow depth, above weak zone
 -transition to Liu-type below weak zone

Rise Time Distribution

-average rise time scales with $M_0^{1/3}$ (Somerville et al., 1999)
 -partially correlated with square root of slip
 -local perturbations partially correlated with the underlying slip and faulting mechanism
 -depth dependent, longer at $z < 5\text{km}$

Graves and Pitarka, 2016

Single Rupture Scenario



good rule of thumb for a 4th order FDM f_{max} is based on the requirement that there should be at least 7 grid points per wavelength in the entire domain.

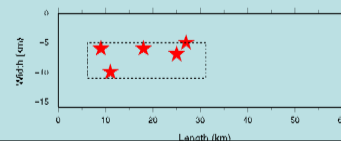
$$F_{\text{max}} = V_{\text{smin}}/7/dx. = 800/7/25 = 4.6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$F_{\text{max}} = 400/7/25 = 2.3 \text{ Hz}$$

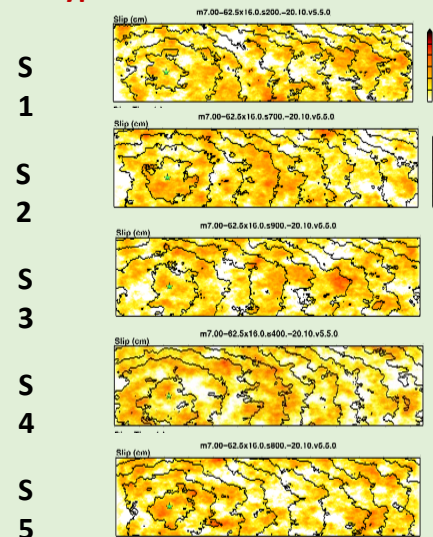
Multiple Rupture Scenarios

5 Randomized Hypocenter Locations

Location along strike direction : 10% - 50% Fault Length
 Location along dip direction: 5-11 km



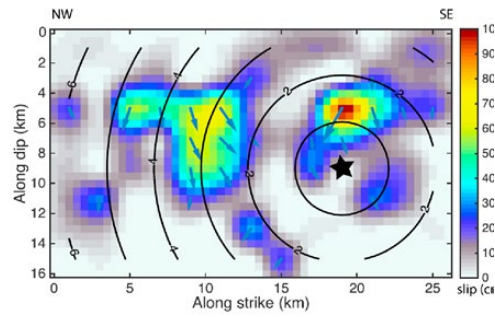
5 Slip Distributions for a Each Hypocenter Location



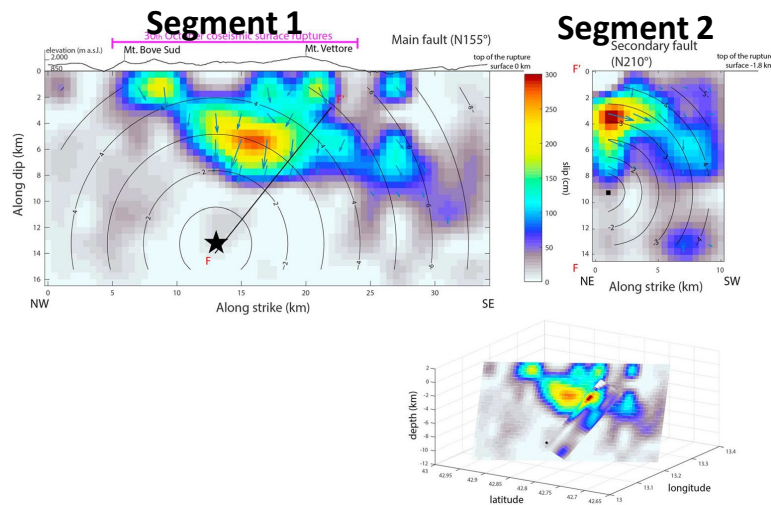
Inverted Kinematic Slip Model

(Scognamiglio et al., 2018, Tinti et al., 2016)

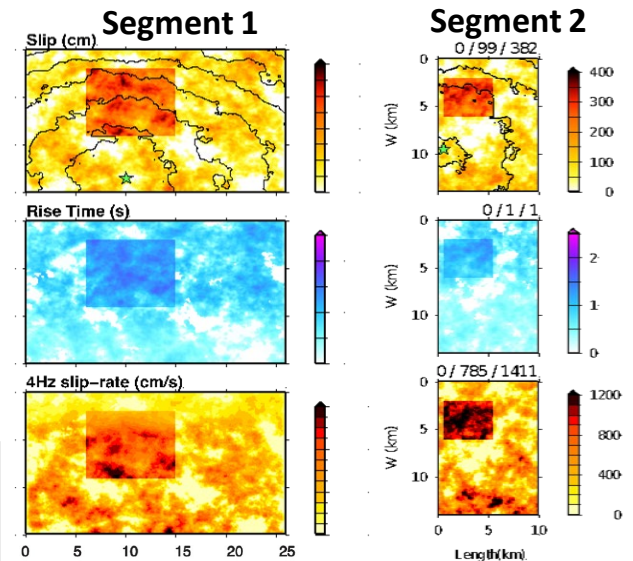
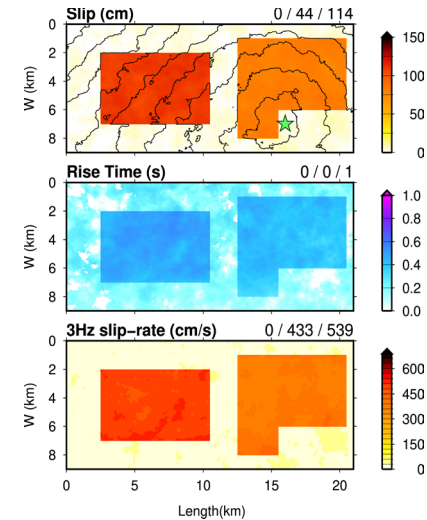
Generated GP16 HR Models



**Amatrice
earthquake
M6.2**



**Norcia
earthquake
M6.5**

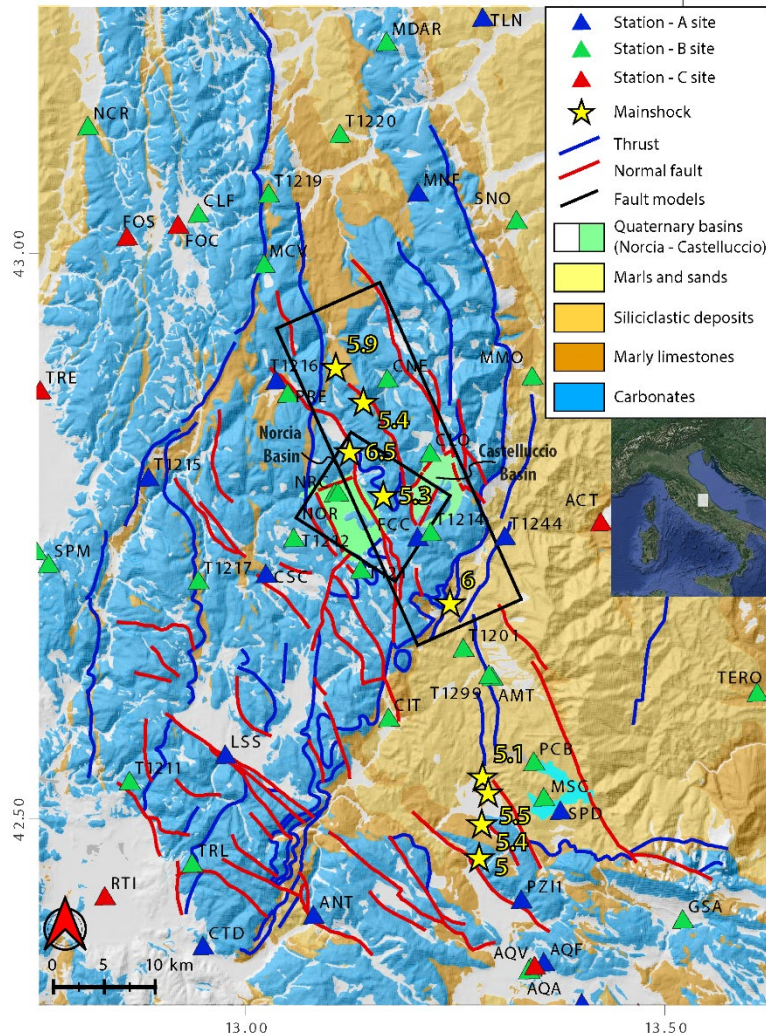


- The slip distribution, peak slip rate, rise time, and rupture time contours computed following the GP16 method where the rupture process is randomly heterogeneous at different scale lengths.
- The slip rise time and rupture velocity are depth dependent. The longer rise time at shallow depths and shorter rise time at larger depths affect the long period and short period contents of rupture generated seismic energy.

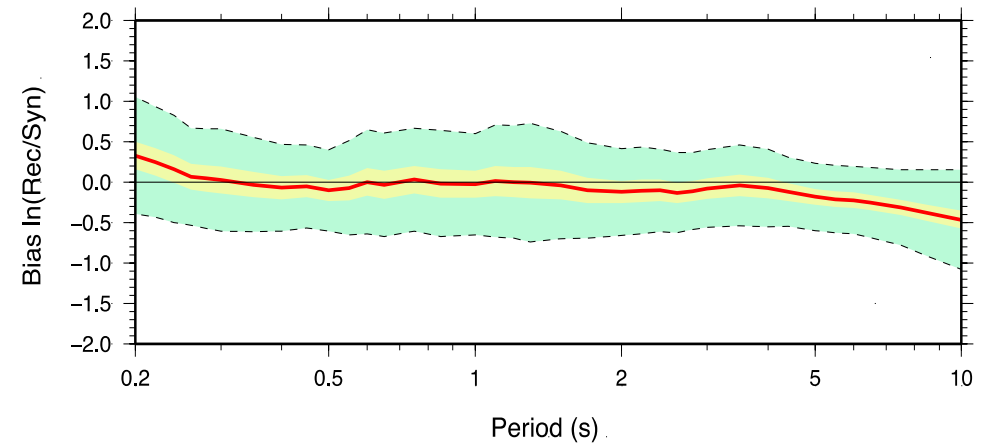


Simulated Ground Motions & Validations: Norcia M6.5 earthquake

Comparison with Recorded Time Histories & Spectral Accelerations



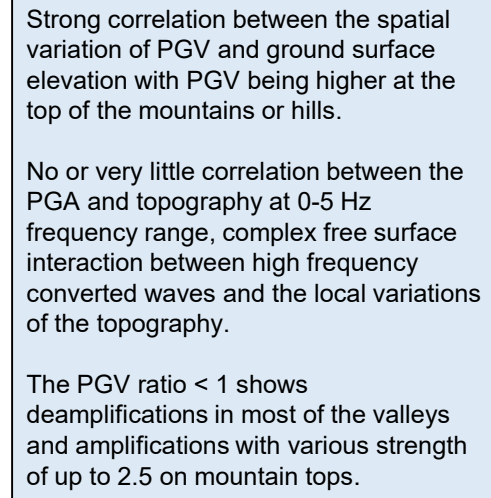
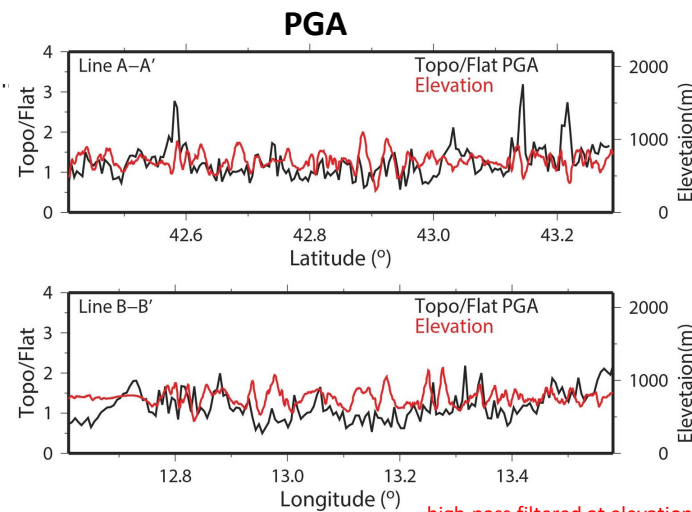
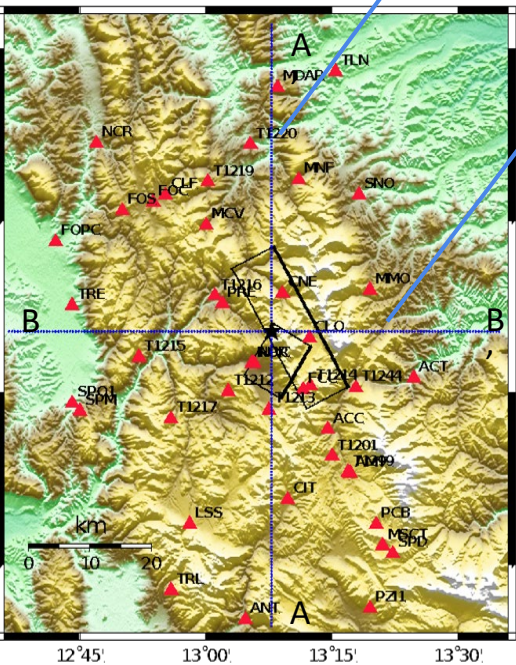
Spectral Acceleration Goodness-of-fit



- Evaluating quantitatively the performance of our simulations and the predictive capability of our method.
- Calculating residuals between the recorded and simulated spectral acceleration values, GOF to show how well the simulation fits a set of observations at 41 and 37 stations.

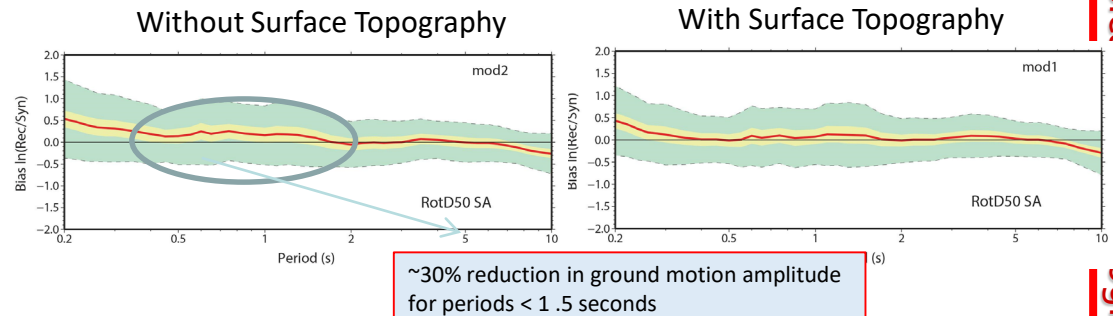
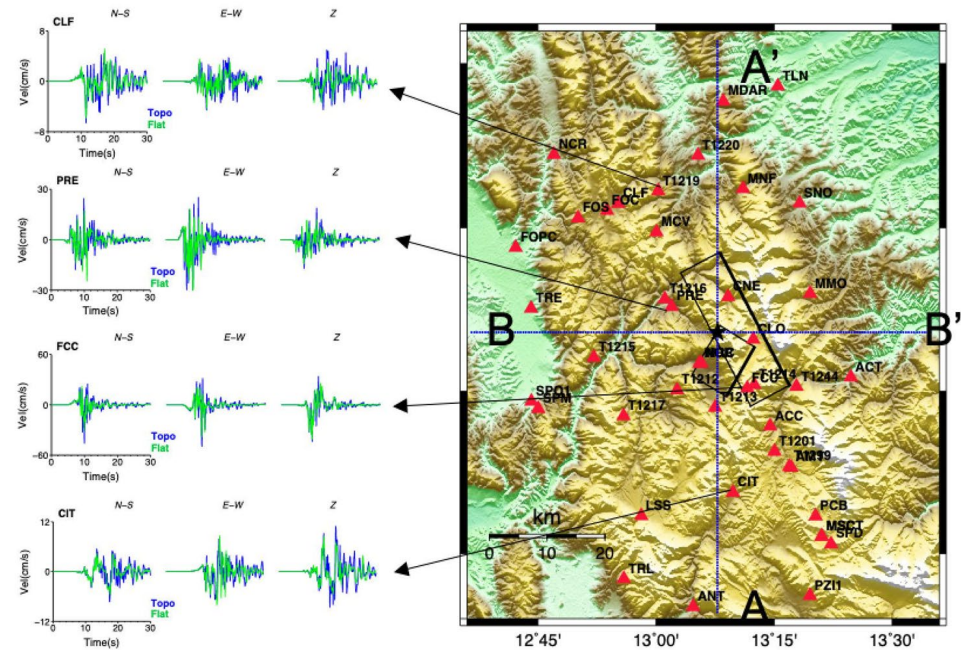
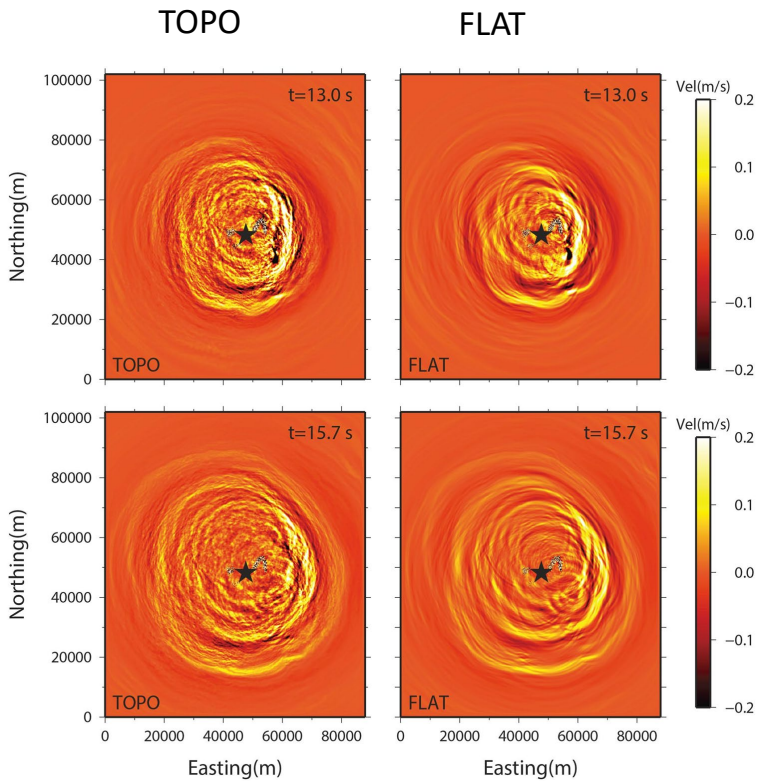
On average our simulations predict the recorded data very well on the entire period range 0.25 to 7 seconds.

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Norcia Earthquake: Effect of Topography on Ground Motion Velocity Time Histories (0-5Hz)



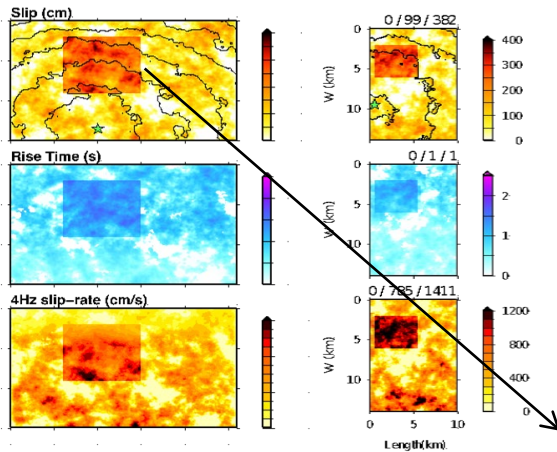
Pitarka, A., **Akinci, A.**, De Gori, P., Buttinelli, M., 2021. Deterministic 3D Ground-Motion Simulations (0–5 Hz) and Surface Topography Effects of the 30 October 2016 Mw 6.5 Norcia, Italy, Earthquake. Bull. Seismol. Soc. Am. 112 (1), 262–286, doi: [10.1785/0120210133](https://doi.org/10.1785/0120210133).

Synthetic seismograms calculated TOPO model show larger amplifications and more coda and relatively longer duration with respect to those by the FLAT topo model.

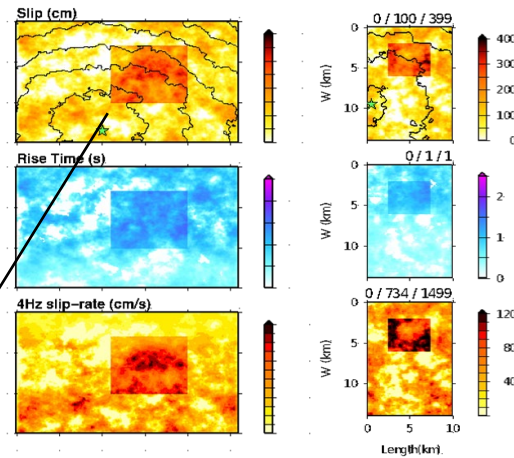


Norcia M6.5 Earthquake: Sensitivity of Ground Motion Amplification Pattern to Slip Distribution

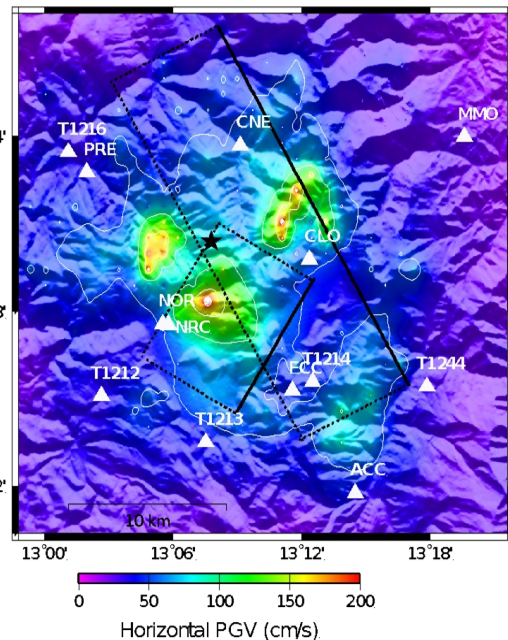
Proposed Rupture Model



New Rupture Scenario Model

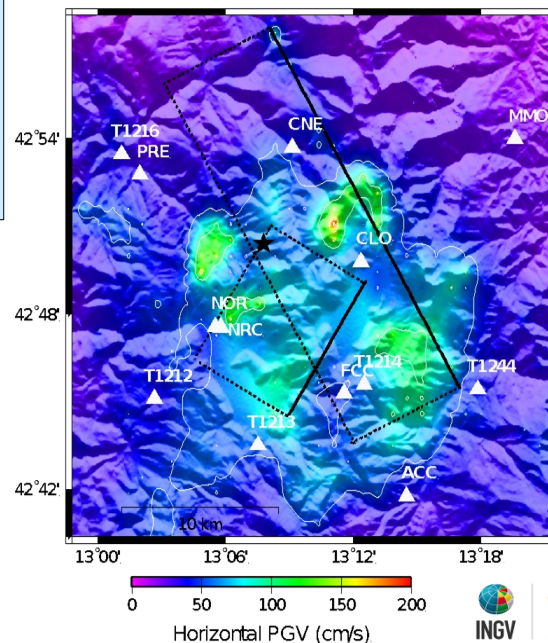


PGV Map



Note that the two rupture models have different location of large slip patches.

PGV Map

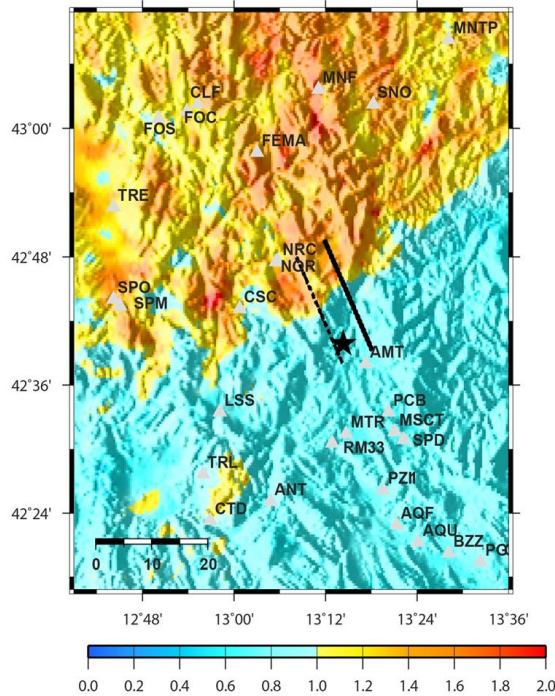


- Location of high PGV areas correlates with areas of large slip patches.
- It is clear that the ground motion amplification pattern depends on the relative location of the large slip patches.
- These PGV plots suggest that for a normal faulting earthquake the ground-motion variability is expected to be high in regions over the hanging wall of the fault.

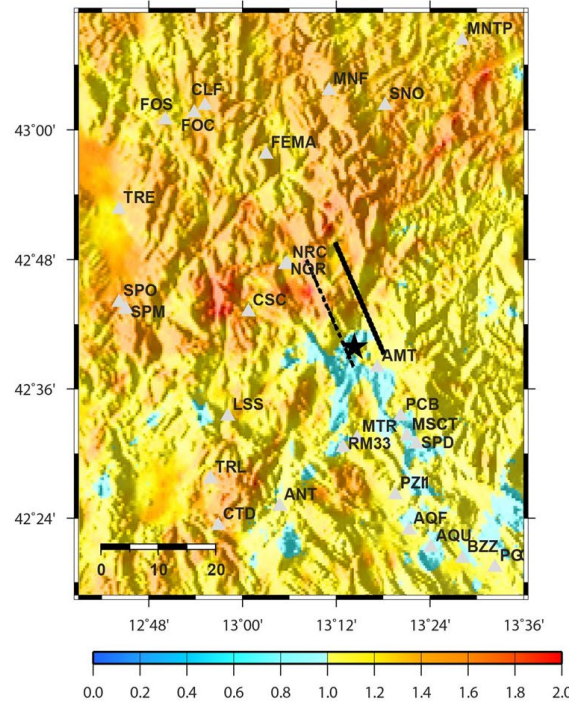
Pitarka et al., 2021, BSSA

Amatrice M6.2 earthquake: PGV Ratio Maps Rup5/Rup5.1, Rup5/Rup6: Rupture Complexity and Directivity Effect

PGV Rup5/Rup51



PGV Rup5/Rup6

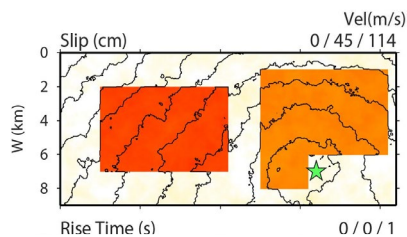


• Rup5/Rup5.1

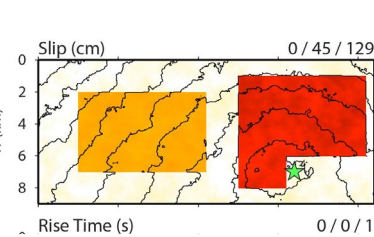
Mod5 produces stronger ground motion and stronger directivity effects toward the north in agreement with the observed data

• Rup5/Rup6

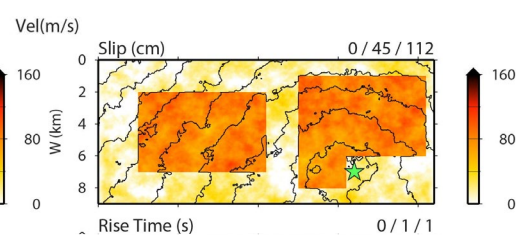
overall, **Mod5** produces stronger ground motion, especially to the north, since it produces stronger directivity effects respect to Mod6 which is a smoother version of model 5, more stochastic variability and less deterministic features compared to Mod5.



Rupture Scenario
Model5.0 (Rup5)



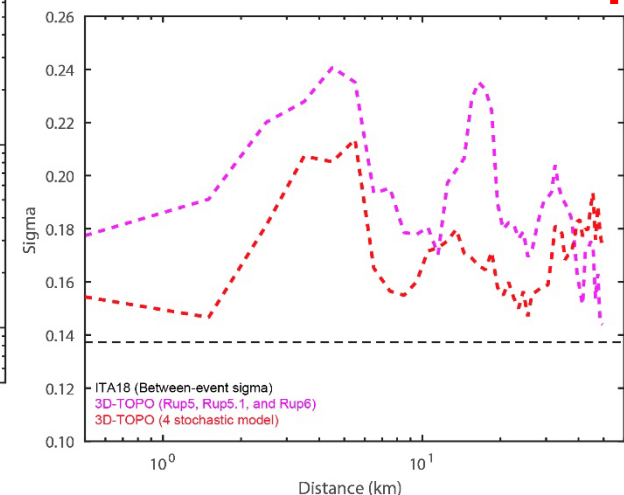
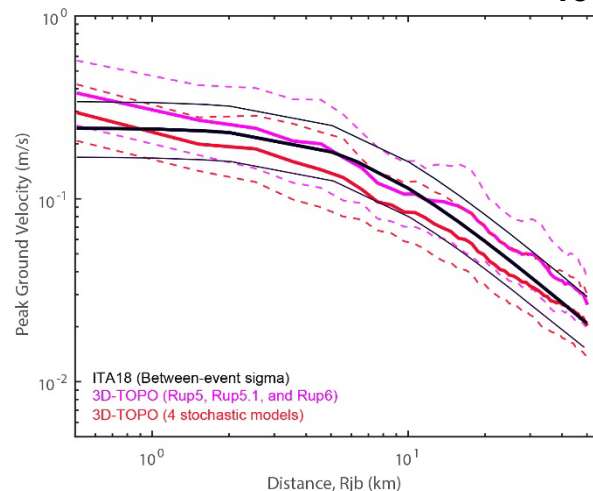
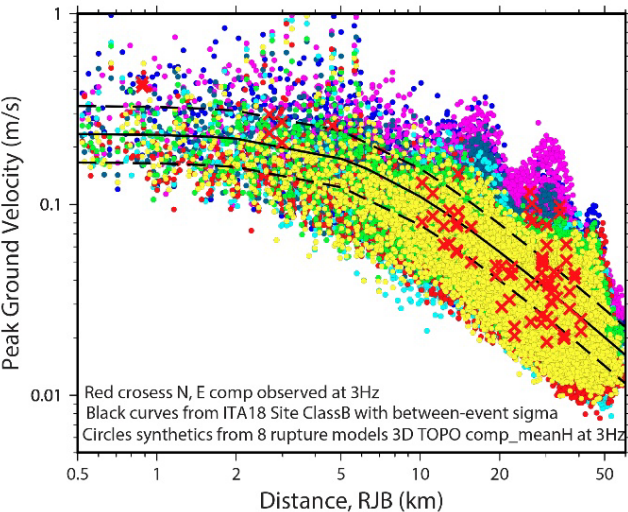
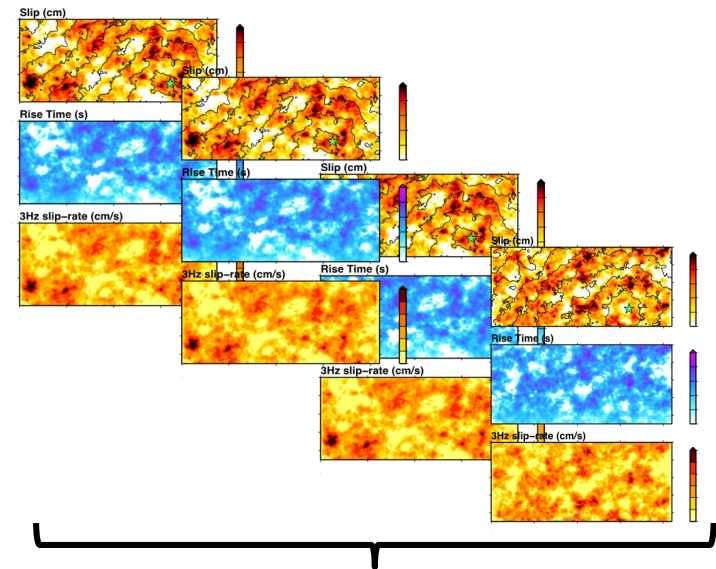
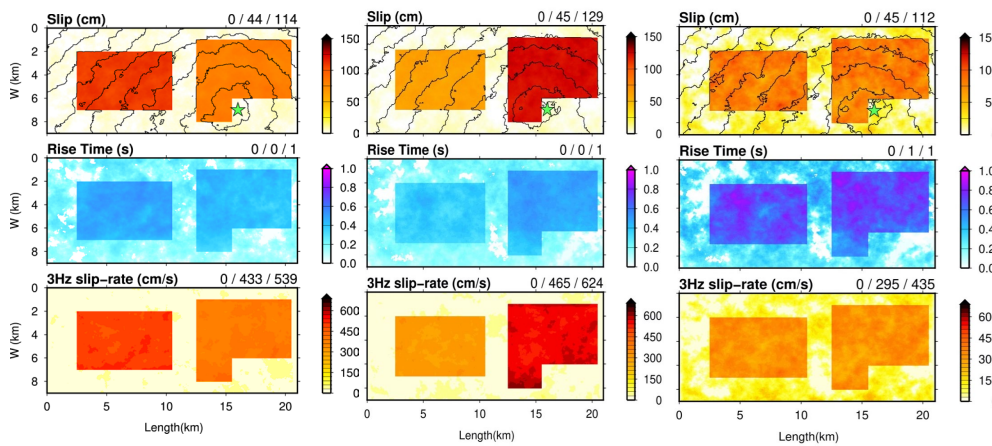
Rupture Scenario
Model5.1 (Rup51)



Rupture Scenario
Model6.0 (Rup6)

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Amatrice M6.2 earthquake: Sensitivity of Ground Motion Amplification Pattern to Slip Distribution, GMMs and sigma



Thank you for your attention!

